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media contents of the like. In one embodiment, multi-media contents are multi-media games, where compartmentalized model data **106** include but not limited to geometry data, lighting data, coloring data, texturing data, animation data, and audio data associated with various models, e.g. a car, a person, an animal and so forth. The various versions of model data **106** are model data **106** compressed with various lossy compression techniques to provide various tradeoff levels between precision and transmission bandwidth requirement. These lossy compression techniques include but not limited to those known in the art, as well as compression techniques disclosed in co-pending U.S. patent application, number 09/399,062, contemporaneously filed, and entitled "Data Compression Through Adaptive Data Size Reduction", and co-pending U.S. patent application, number 09/399,063, contemporaneously filed, and entitled "Data Compression Through Offset Representation", which are hereby fully incorporated by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following claims:

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35. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said determining of operating characteristic value(s) further comprises determining a single composite operating characteristic value based on the determined operating characteristic values of the at least one operating characteristic.

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